

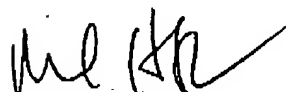
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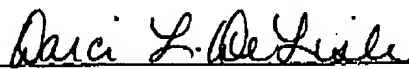
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2004.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

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